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# Facts

## 2020-21



# VCU

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**Degree programs**

	At VCU	Unique in Virginia	Conferred, 2019-20
Baccalaureate	68	4	4,945
Master's	71	9	1,373
Doctorate	44	6	374
First professional	3	1	442
Certificate	52	3	286
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7,420</b>

**Largest programs of study and foundations**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	<i>Number in program</i>	
Biology		1,970
Psychology		1,734
Health, physical education and exercise science		1,477
Criminal justice		620
Political science		612
Nursing		537
Business		524
Computer science		508
Mass communications		484
Mechanical engineering		471
Business foundation		1,442
Art foundation		591
Pre-nursing		504

<b>Graduate</b>	<i>Number in program</i>	
Social work	626	Nurse anesthesia practice 146
Nursing	304	Occupational therapy 132
Business administration	297	Teaching 130
Business	271	Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering 113
Physical therapy	173	Health administration 108
Education	165	

<b>Tuition and fees*</b>	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
Undergraduate	\$14,710	\$36,048
Graduate	15,200	29,228
Medicine	36,843	60,359
Dentistry	60,215	93,884
Pharmacy	31,866	45,194
Room and board	11,035	11,035

\* Tuition for students who were newly admitted to a degree or certificate program beginning in or after the fall 2014 semester is calculated on a sliding, per-credit-hour basis with a 50 percent per-credit discount for credits 15 and more. The above rates are based on 15 credits a semester. Rates for first-professional programs are representative of charges for first-year students. More detailed tuition rates can be found in VCU's budget plan at [budget.vcu.edu](http://budget.vcu.edu).

As one of only 71 institutions designated by the Carnegie Foundation as "Community Engaged" with "Highest Research Activity," Virginia Commonwealth University is taking its place among the nation's premier urban, public research universities.

VCU received \$335 million in externally funded sponsored awards in fiscal year 2020. VCU graduate programs and first VCU graduate programs and first professional programs are consistently ranked among the top 50 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, including the No. 1 sculpture and nurse anesthesia programs. And through the guidance of its strategic plan, Quest 2025, VCU is working to meet the demands of diverse populations through impactful research and creativity, rigorous study and extensive community engagement.

The university traces its roots to two institutions that merged in 1968 to create VCU: the Medical College of Virginia, established in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden-Sydney College, and Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917.

Today, VCU enrolls more than 29,000 students in more than 200 degree and certificate programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation, VCU Health, where the VCU Medical Center was named the No. 1 hospital in the Richmond region by U.S. News & World Report.

VCU and VCU Health have been honored with prestigious national and international recognition for top-quality graduate, professional and medical care programs, reflecting a commitment to be among America's top research universities, supporting students, faculty and the VCU community to make it real.

**Mission statement**

Virginia Commonwealth University and its academic health sciences center serve as one national urban public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of our students, patients, faculty, staff and community through:

- Real-world learning that furthers civic engagement, inquiry, discovery and innovation
- Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve the quality of human life
- Interdisciplinary collaborations and community partnerships that advance innovation, enhance cultural and economic vitality, and solve society's most complex challenges
- Health sciences that preserve and restore health for all people, seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research and educate those who serve humanity
- Deeply engrained core values of diversity, inclusion and equity that provide a safe, trusting and supportive environment to explore, create, learn and serve

**Vision statement**

As a preeminent national, urban, public university and academic health center, Virginia Commonwealth University will be distinguished by its commitments to inclusion, access and excellence; innovative and transformative learning; impactful research; exceptional patient care and beneficial community impact.

**Employees**

Full time	University	Health system*	Total
Teaching & research faculty	2,501	n/a	2,501
Administrative & professional faculty	7	n/a	7
University & academic professionals	2,909	n/a	2,909
Research professionals & housestaff	197	729	926
Classified staff	709	10,907	11,616
<b>Total full time</b>	<b>6,323</b>	<b>11,636</b>	<b>17,959</b>
Part time			
Adjunct faculty	692	n/a	692
Graduate assistants	889	n/a	889
Hourly workers	641	1,339	1,980
Student workers	1,670	n/a	1,670
Other part-time faculty and staff	192	n/a	192
<b>Total part time</b>	<b>4,084</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>5,423</b>
<b>VCU total</b>	<b>10,407</b>	<b>12,975</b>	<b>23,382</b>

\* VCU Health System totals do not include individuals with dual employment.

**Demographics of full-time employees**

Gender	T&R faculty*	A&P faculty	U&A professionals	Classified staff
Female	46.38%	57.14%	62.08%	79.08%
Male	53.42%	42.86%	37.57%	20.64%
Not reported	0.20%	n/a	0.35%	0.28%
Race/Ethnicity	T&R faculty*	A&P faculty	U&A professionals	Classified staff
American Indian/Alaskan	0.16%	n/a	0.38%	0.50%
Asian	14.15%	n/a	4.85%	4.35%
Black/African American	7.04%	n/a	20.90%	28.27%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.04%	n/a	0.07%	0.19%
Hispanic/Latino	3.28%	14.29%	3.88%	2.72%
International	3.84%	n/a	1.10%	0.02%
Two or more races	0.84%	n/a	2.58%	2.23%
Unknown	0.52%	n/a	0.38%	6.15%
White	70.13%	85.71%	65.86%	55.57%

**Instructional faculty**

Tenure status	Tenured	Tenure track	Non-tenure track	Total
Professor	385	24	114	523
Associate	360	21	370	751
Assistant	1	241	760	1,002
Instructor	n/a	n/a	225	225
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>2,501</b>

\* Teaching and research faculty includes librarians that have teaching and research faculty classification.

**Physical capacity**

- The 97.6-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond's Fan District, and the 70.5-acre MCV Campus is adjacent to the State Capitol. The university also owns another 582 acres, located in Hanover and Charles City counties.
- VCU occupies 273 buildings. Of the university's owned buildings, 48 were built prior to 1900.
- The estimated capital replacement cost is \$4.6 billion.
- The residence hall capacity is 5,267 students for academic year 2020-21.

**VCU Libraries**

- Almost 2 million people visit VCU's libraries annually.
- The libraries' collections feature more than 3 million volumes including more than 1 million online books and films.
- The libraries offer more than 50,000 locally digitized items from their collections that are freely available online.
- The libraries provide access to 500 licensed databases and thousands of journals.
- Libraries on the Monroe Park Campus and MCV Campus and in the VCU Medical Center serve the academic and greater community, and their collections are freely available online.

**Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU Health System and related entities****Revenues and capital additions**

	Amount*	Percent
Tuition and fees	\$340.7	6.7%
Grants and contracts	339.4	6.7%
State general funds	304.9	6.0%
Auxiliary enterprises	117.0	2.3%
Health system services	3,758.3	74.0%
Gifts	48.2	0.9%
Investment income	79.8	1.6%
Other revenues	89.2	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5077.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Expenditures**

	Amount*	Percent
Instruction	\$371.0	7.5%
Research	216.3	4.4%
Public service	9.3	0.2%
Academic support	122.9	2.5%
Student services	16.8	0.4%
Institutional support	77.4	1.6%
Operations and maintenance of plant	82.9	1.7%
Scholarships and fellowships	51.6	1.0%
Auxiliary enterprises	90.6	1.8%
Hospital services	3,618.5	73.5%
Depreciation	172.4	3.5%
Interest expense on capital debt	39.2	0.8%
Other expenses	52.9	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,921.8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Increase in net assets \$155.7

(Excludes direct student loan disbursements of \$208.8 million)

\* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2020

**Related entities' assets and liabilities\***

	Assets	Liabilities	Balance
VCU Foundation	\$117.2	\$36.9	\$80.3
MCV Foundation	645.9	10.3	635.6
Real Estate Foundation	91.7	50.6	41.1
Engineering Foundation	113.0	60.8	52.2
Business Foundation	84.8	38.4	46.4
Dentistry @ VCU	19.2	9.5	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,071.8</b>	<b>\$206.5</b>	<b>\$865.3</b>

\* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2020

Pledges and total cash received in FY20 \$80,370,077

Quest became part of the university's vernacular and highlighted its collective vision as a premier, urban public research university. As Quest for Distinction ends and VCU embarks on its strategic plan for 2018-25, the following achievements highlight VCU's progress and success since 2012:

- Six-year graduation rate increased from 57 percent to 66 percent.
- Four-year graduation rate increased from 34 percent to 44 percent.
- Baccalaureate degrees awarded increased 6 percent from 4,666 to 4,945.
- Underrepresented\* enrollment increased from 25 percent to 32 percent.
- VCU sponsored research awards amounted to \$335 million in FY 20.

\* Underrepresented include: American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic/Latino (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Central or South American origin), Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or two or more races (multiracial) that consists of at least one of the ethnic/racial groups mentioned above.

<b>Fall headcount</b>	29,417
<b>Annual FTE (estimated)</b>	27,474

Student level	Student type
Undergraduate	22,277
Graduate	5,554
First professional	1,586
Day	26,837
Evening	1,204
Off-campus	1,376

**Colleges and schools**

College of Engineering	School of Education
College of Health Professions	L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
College of Humanities and Sciences	School of Medicine
– Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture	School of Nursing
– School of World Studies	School of Pharmacy
Honors College	School of Social Work
School of the Arts	University College
School of Business	VCU Graduate School
School of Dentistry	VCU Life Sciences

**Demographics**

Gender	Residency
Female	In-state
Male	Out-of-state
Not reported	
Race/Ethnicity	Status
American Indian/Alaskan	Full-time
Asian	Part-time
Black/African American	
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
Hispanic/Latino	
International	
Two or more races	
Not reported	
White	

<b>International students</b>	983
<b>Incoming freshmen enrolled</b>	3,827
<b>Transfers enrolled</b>	1,585
<b>Honors students enrolled</b>	1,089

**Number of living alumni**

<b>Total</b>	<b>205,456</b>
Of more than 205,000 living alumni, 65 percent live in Virginia and 40 percent live in the Richmond metropolitan area.	